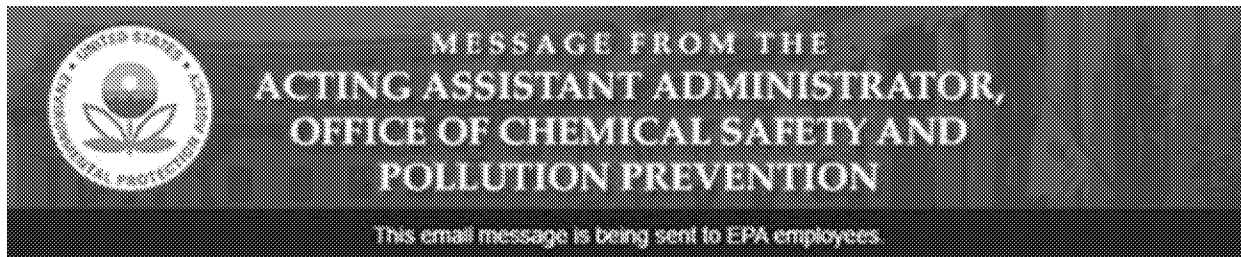


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Dear OCSPP colleagues:

I am delighted and honored to join you as the Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator and Acting Assistant Administrator of OCSPP. I was sworn in on Monday and am eager to get to work with what I know to be a dedicated and highly skilled team of career scientists, lawyers and other professionals.

I am joining you most recently from the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee staff, where, during the past four years, I heard from so many career EPA experts across many of EPA's program offices about their dedication to protecting human health and the environment. Many also shared their concerns that their expertise was not being sought or used as it should be and historically has been. I take that seriously and am working with OCSPP senior leaders to ensure we are best utilizing the talent and expertise within our ranks.

In my previous role negotiating the 2016 TSCA reauthorization bill in Senator Markey's office, I was also fortunate to witness first-hand how invaluable OCSPP career staff expertise can be as we relied on you to ensure that our policy ideas were implementable and sound. I can attest to your commitment – sometimes late into the night or on the weekend – to provide us with the information we need.

Along with your entire senior leadership team, I am committed to working *with* you, learning *from* you and *including* you in our efforts to achieve the goals articulated by President Biden: Addressing climate change, ensuring environmental equity in all communities across America, reversing policies that conflict with EPA's mission to protect human health and the environment, and ensuring that the best science underpins EPA decision-making.

From the vital role OCSPP plays in the COVID-19 response, to its efforts to realize the strong chemical safety protections the reformed TSCA promised, to the evaluation and mitigation of risk from PFAS, pesticides and other substances, I am eager to partner with you to leave this world a safer one for our children and grandchildren.

Please also look for an invitation soon to an OCSPP town hall, and plan to participate. I look forward to meeting and getting to know you in the days and weeks ahead, and to working with you in furtherance of our shared goals.

Best wishes,
Michal

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